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Secretary of Defense initiates BRAC

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The Secretary of Defense, the Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld, has recently directed the process begin for the Base Realignment and Closure for 2005.

Base realignment and closure is intended to achieve several goals to include eliminating ex-

cess infrastructure and reshaping our military to make joint-operations more efficient. It is also intended to optimize military readiness and establish a significant savings within the Department of Defense.

The BRAC process is governed by law and can potentially effect military bases all around the world. The process begins with a threat assessment

of the future national security environment followed by the development of a force structure plan and basing requirements to meet these threats. The DoD will then establish selection criteria to determine which installations to recommend for realignment or closure. Afterward, the Secretary of Defense will publish a report containing the realignment and

closure recommendations and send them to an independent commission selected by the president.

The commission will have the authority to change the DoD's recommendations and make further recommendations to better suit the criteria set for by the force structure plan and selection criteria. The commission will then forward the recom-

mendations to the president for review and approval, who will then forward the recommendations to Congress for final approval. The DoD is changing now that new defense strategies call for the transformation of the United States defense establishment. In order to successfully transform, it will be necessary to

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1st Radio Bn. greeted by family and friends



Sergeant Donald Bartlett, a food services specialist with Headquarters and Services Co., 1st Radio Bn., greets his wife Jennifer on the flightline at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, upon his return home from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Cpl. Luis R. Agostini
MarForPac

After four months of their deployment to Kuwait and Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, approximately 120 Marines from 1st Radio Battalion returned to their family and friends on Oahu when their flight landed Monday afternoon outside Hangar 105 MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

After countless "Is that it? Is that the plane?" inquiries from friends and family members, the Marine Corps-chartered Hawaiian Airlines 767 landed at around 3 p.m.

As the commercial liner taxied toward Hangar 105, 1st Radio Bn.'s commanding officer, Lt. Col. Mark Aycock, proudly waved the Marine Corps colors from the cockpit window, much to the delight of the welcoming crowd.

Among the returning

OIF vets was Maj. Donald Thieme, G-5 Central Command planner, Marine Forces Pacific. Thieme was greeted by his wife, Lilly, and his children, Matthew, Samuel and Sarah. He also met his youngest son, David, who was born just three weeks ago.

"If I had to describe my wife in one word, it would be perseverance," said Thieme, describing his wife's solo efforts during his deployment.

After what seemed like an eternity to Jennifer Bartlett, Sgt. Donald Bartlett, a food services specialist with Headquarters and Service Co., 1st Radio Bn., donning black shades and an M16A2 slung over his right shoulder, stepped off the plane and into the arms of his wife, Jennifer.

"It's great to have him home," said Mrs. Bartlett.

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Okinawan representatives visit MCB Hawaii

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Political representatives from the island of Okinawa, Japan came to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Tuesday to get an understanding of the role of the U.S. military in maintaining peace and stability in East Asia and the Pacific.

The representatives were provided valuable information on the type of training conducted in Hawaii by Unit Deployment Programs and the follow-on training conducted in Okinawa, as well as the positive relationship between MCB Hawaii and the local communities.

The main objectives of the visit were to educate the representatives on how

Hawaii is responding to economic challenges posed by today's international security and to strengthen understanding of the importance of the U.S.-Japan security alliance in promoting regional security.

During the guided tour of MCB Hawaii, the representatives first arrived at the Officer's Club and were greeted by

the Col. Richard Roten, commander, MCB Hawaii, and were briefed on the operational forces of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment.

The representatives then proceeded to the Ieda Marker on base to see the famous impact site of a Japanese Zero near

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War on terrorism is 'Toughest Challenge' yet

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, — The war on global terrorism, the U.S. military's top officer told National Defense University graduates here June 10, is the most difficult national security challenge he's experienced in his career.

It is, indeed, "a remarkable time" in American history, Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said to the university's Class of 2003.

"In my view, it's certainly the toughest challenge, these last couple of years, that I've ever faced in my 38 years in uniform," Gen. Myers, the event's featured speaker, asserted.

General Myers first paid a tribute

to the institution's outgoing president, Navy Vice Adm. Paul G. Gaffney II.

The admiral's two years of leadership at NDU "has been vigorous," Gen. Myers remarked, noting that Gaffney's perseverance, dedication and professionalism at the university have contributed "to make it responsive to the security challenges that we face in the future."

And today's global security environment, shaped by the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States, Gen. Myers noted to the 515 graduates, presents new and previously unheard of challenges for U.S. defense planners and diplomats alike.

In the aftermath of the terror at-

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Diplomats tour base.



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

Admiral Viktor Fedorov, commander of the Russian Federation Navy Pacific Fleet admires a formation of Marines from 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment at Hangar 105 during his visit to Kaneohe Bay. Admiral Fedorov came to MCB Hawaii, as part of a counterpart visit to gain exposure and knowledge of the U.S. Military operations in Hawaii.

MCBH News Briefs

COCONUT ISLAND BEACH CLEAN-UP

Volunteers are needed for the Coconut Island Beach Clean-up on Saturday, June 14., from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Showtime is 8:15 a.m. at the base marina. Boat transportation, lunches and drinks are provided free for volunteers. The day will not be all work, and volunteers will have time to relax and enjoy the beauty of Coconut Island. For more information, contact Jim Lakey at 782-6150, or e-mail: lakey@hawaii.edu.

3 TALK

Residents of City Council District 3 are invited to meet face to face with Council member Barbara Marshall and her staff in a community forum to discuss concerns and issues relating to city government and services. Any resident of District 3 is welcome at any of these forums, which will be held monthly in either Kaneohe, Kailua or Waimanalo June 24, at 7 p.m. in the Kaneohe Community and Senior Center located at 45-613 Puohala Street, July 9, at 7 p.m. in St. John Lutheran Church located at 1004 Kailua Road, August 20, at 7 p.m. in the Waimanalo Public Library located at 41-1320 Kalaniaaole Hwy. in Waimanalo For more infomation, 547-7003.

CREDO RETREATS AVAILABLE FOR MILITARY, DoD

The Chaplain's Religious Enrichment Development Operations, or CREDO, is offering both marriage enrichment retreats and personal growth retreats to service members aboard MCB Hawaii who may be returning from deployments such as Operation Iraqi Freedom and service members who are desiring to improve their relationships with others, feel good about themselves, grow personally and spiritually, and live a more harmonious life. The next CREDO marriage enrichment retreat is slated for July 11 - 13; the next personal growth retreat is July 24 - 27. For more details, call 257-0662.

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CCE brightens future for officers

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Many would agree that education is the key to success and a bright future.

With this in mind, 65 officers stationed on the island of Oahu managed to complete their prescribed Professional Military Education this year and were awarded diplomas by Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Nicholson, vice commander, Marine Forces Pacific, in a ceremony at the Base Theater aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, June 6.

Twenty-six of the officers, including one Army officer and one Navy officer, managed to complete the intermediate-level Command and Staff College Distance Education Program. The other 37 officers and two non-commissioned officers, completed the career-level Amphibious Warfare School Distance Education Program.

Although they were all announced at the graduation ceremony, several of the officers were not present because they were deployed on Unit deployment Programs or sent to various locations across the world in support of the nation.

"The number of CSCDEP graduates is smaller than last year's class, which graduated 42, but it is remarkable given the majority of the officers spent a considerable amount of time deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, or deployed elsewhere in support of our country," said retired Col. Bill



Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle

More than 65 officers stationed on the island of Oahu completed several courses in Professional Military Education and received their diplomas at a graduation ceremony June 6 at the Base Theater.

Peoples, regional coordinator for the College of Continuing Education in Hawaii. "It is good that many are still here to attend the ceremony and get their diplomas they worked so hard to earn."

In addition to the officers who successfully graduated June 6, another 74 officers recently completed the first half of the AWSDEP. Unfortunately, many of the officers had to put the course on hold to carry out opera-

tional demands.

During the ceremony, Brig Gen. Nicholson emphasized the importance of a strong military education in an officer's career and spoke briefly on how the officer's career will be positively effected after completing the difficult courses. He also stressed the courses are important to professional development.

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Courtesy of KRSOC

Students decided to show their support for the military by creating banners and writing personal letters to the KRSOC senior leadership.

School students show KRSOC gratitude

Seaman Apprentice
Pedro Aviles

KRSOC Public Affairs Office

KUNIA, HAWAII — Students from Coral Springs Charter School (CSCS) in Coral Springs, Fla., surprised Capt. Sandy K. Brooks and the entire Kunia Regional Security Operations Center (KRSOC) with "Banners of Appreciation" and letters.

Why the KRSOC?

Kristen Rine, the journalism teacher at the school and her students followed the events of the Global War on Terrorism. During

class discussions, she discovered that a large number of students had family and friends who were directly involved with the war. Rine also has family members currently serving in the armed forces. So, the class decided to do something to show support for the military.

Through correspondence with Sgt. Rosalind Eaton, a member of the KRSOC as well as an alumnus of CSCS, the students were provided with some insight about the military services.

Thanks to her, the students were enlightened on

the ongoing mission of the KRSOC and their role in combating the global war on terrorism.

The class decided to show its support for the military by creating banners and writing personal letters to the KRSOC senior leadership.

The KRSOC immediately responded with its own show of appreciation. Brooks, the KRSOC commander, rallied the multi-service command to return the gesture with various group photographs in front of the tunnel complex along with a personal invitation

to the journalism students for a tunnel tour and visit.

"What the school did for us makes us proud that we chose the military for a career and it shows high school students appreciate what we do," said Brooks. "That they would take the time to create those letters and banners is absolutely heart warming."

The students' support reassured the KRSOC that their efforts are truly appreciated, And that, some of these students may decide to choos a military career as their profession one day.



Official USMC Photo

Marines serving on Marine Security Guard duty choose this position for a variety of reasons, including career enhancement possibilities. But perhaps the most common reason given by Marines for picking this B-Billet is the chance for adventure and to see the world. The Marines pictured here are part of the MSG detachment at the United States Embassy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, one of the youngest countries which were formally part of the Soviet Union.

MSG duty offers world-wide adventure

Sgt. Joe Lindsay
Combat Correspondent

(Editor’s Note: This is Part Three in a three-part series on B-Billets, terms or 36-month assignment that Marines serve outside of their Military Occupational Specialty, and a position that is often vital for promotion in the Corps. This story focuses on Marine Security Guard Duty.)

In addition to wanting to meet and overcome the challenges, physical and mental, of earning the title “Marine,” one reason Marines give for joining the Corps is a chance for travel and adventure.

Perhaps no other billet in the Marines, or any service, can live up to this desire more than Marine Security Guard duty.

“Prestige, excitement, pride, worldwide travel, adventure and

challenge,” said Gunnery Sgt. Tony Stewart, a Marine Corps career planner.” You name it, MSG duty has got it.”

Marine Security Guards, lance corporal through sergeant, are responsible for providing security at more than 120 U.S. embassies and consulates around the world, and generally serve two 15-month tours at two posts, one of which will likely be a hardship post in a third world country. Sergeants and below cannot be married.

Staff noncommissioned officers may be married and accompanied, and serve two 18-month tours, according to Stewart.

“No matter what rank you hold, you might not ever get a chance to hold such a high level of responsibility as when you serve on embassy duty,” said Stewart.

Those on MSG duty are primari-

ly responsible for embassies’ interior or security, normally the lobby or main entrance. Guards are trained to react to terrorist acts as well as a variety of emergencies such as fires, riots, demonstrations and evacuations.

“The sense of responsibility and the confidence instilled upon each individual Marine far outweigh anything else an enlisted Marine could experience,” said Gunnery Sgt. Craig Elliott, who served on MSG duty at the U.S. embassies in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and Quito, Ecuador.

Representatives for MSG duty generally make yearly visits to Marine Corps installations. For more information on MSG duty, contact your career planner.

“The worse part about MSG duty for me,” said Elliott, “was the conclusion of my tour.”



Official USMC Photo

Serving on Marine Security Guard duty is one of the most highly respected positions a Marine can hold, and promotions often follow a successful tour.

Word on the Street

What is the most important part of being a good father?



“Taking care of family and supporting them always.”

Master GySgt. Raul Barrett
Food Technician
Mess Hall,
Headquarters Bn.
MCB Hawaii



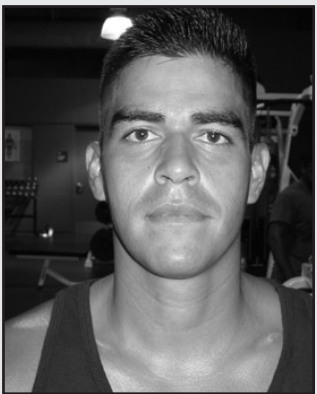
“Being dedicated to family at all times.”

Nicholas Eason
Store Employee
MCB Hawaii
Commisary



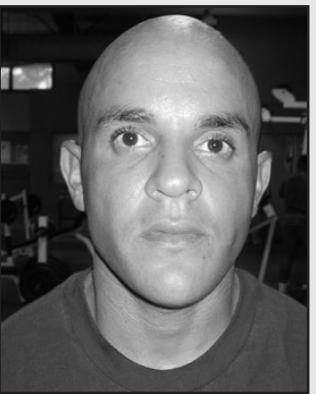
“Being firm and not letting children get away with too much.”

Lance Cpl. Matthew James
Pass House Clerk
MP Co.
Headquarters Bn.
MCB Hawaii



“Having an open mind and supporting the children’s goals.”

Staff Sgt. Bobby Rodriguez
Platoon Sgt.
Weapons Co. 2/3



“Giving children the right kind of guidance and then letting them make decisions.”

Staff Sgt. Elias Sanchez
Platoon Sgt.
Weapons Co. 2/3



Several weeds, bushes, and small trees had to be removed before the residents of MCB Hawaii could have access from the path to North Beach.



Eagle Scouts give to community, earn merit badges

Story and Photos by
Lance Cpl. Monroe F. Seigle
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The fact that a boy is an Eagle Scout has always had a special significance, not only in Eagle Scouting but also as the scout enters higher education, business or industry and community service.

Eagle Scout Troop 425 aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, set out June 6 to earn their Merit Badges by assisting in the completion of a foot path along the flight line on base. The path will make it possible for the Marines and residents to access North Beach when the flight line is in use.

Merit Badges signify the mastery of certain Scoutcraft skills, as well as helping the boys increase their skills in an area of personal interest. One of the badges that must be earned is

citizenship in the community.

The Scouts set out with a variety of tools to clear the path that was cluttered with bushes, small trees, grass and dead vegetation and worked non-stop to make the path safe for base residents.

“There are a lot of thick trees out there and the kids had to plan amongst themselves how they were going to remove all the debris,” said Master Sgt. Juan Rivera, operations planning team chief for MCB Hawaii. “After they have constructed the path, people will no longer have to wait for the flight line to open up so they can walk or run to North Beach.”

The Eagle Scouts in Troop 425 contacted officials in Headquarters Bn. and asked if they could donate their time to pay back the base community, which sponsors them. When the response came back about the need for a foot path to access North Beach,

the boys were eager to come together and go to work.

“This is a two-fold project,” said Col. Richard Roten, deputy commander for MCB Hawaii, and scout master for Troop 425. “This gives them a chance to give back to the community and earn their Merit Badges. The older scouts showed a lot of leadership in coordinating this project. This will be a lasting project that they can come back five years from now and remember how hard they worked to complete it.”

The path is approximately 3/4 of a mile long and is scheduled to be completed within two weeks from the time they started.

“This is a fun project because we don’t get the opportunity to do work like this,” said Eagle Scout Tenderfoot Daniel Cummins, age 12. “I am glad the whole base will get to use this trail.”



(Top and Above) Eagle Scouts from Troop 425 spent a weekend afternoon clearing a footpath for the Marines, Sailors and residents aboard MCB Hawaii. The path will make access to North Beach possible when the flight line is in use.

EDUCATION: CCE graduates

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Maj. Lance S. Bookless, USMCR, JICPAC
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Maj. Timothy J. Hiel, USMC, HQ BN, MCBH
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1st Lt. Daniel J. Thomas, USMC, 2D BN, 3D MARINES
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Capt. Thomas D. Wood, USMC, 3D MARINES
Capt. Alexander E. Zuchman, USMC, 2D BN, 3D MARINES



Staff Sgt. Robert Carlson

Radion Bn. Marines flew the National and Marine Corps colors as they taxied into MCB Hawaii

RETURN, From A-1

1st Radio Battalion’s mission is to provide communications support for Marine Corps intelligence organizations and to conduct electronic warfare.

During OIF, 1st Radio Bn. supported forces in both Kuwait and Iraq, and half of the unit deployed in direct support of the ground attack.

Approximately 250 1st Radio Bn. Marines deployed February, to Kuwait and into Iraq in support of OIF. Forty Radio Battalion Marines returned May 19. 70 Marines will remain behind in the Central Command area until later this summer in support of ongoing operations.

BRAC, From A-1

establish changes in many important areas such as the budgeting, acquisition, personnel and management systems. These systems must be able to operate in a world that changes rapidly. Without these necessary changes, the current defense program will only become more expensive in the future.

The 2005 BRAC process will help find innovative ways to consolidate, realign or find alternative uses for current facilities to ensure that the United States continues to employ the best-prepared and best-equipped mili-

tary in the world. BRAC will also enable the American military to better match its facilities with its forces and meet the threats and challenges of the new century while making the wisest use of the limited defense dollars.

As of now, the BRAC 2005 process is in the beginning stages and it is too early to determine which bases or installations will be closed and there are no specific numbers or target areas.

The DoD must complete a comprehensive review before it can determine which military installations should be realigned or closed.

OKINAWA, From A-1

Kansas Tower. They were also able to visit Waterfront Operations, and spoke with Chief Warrant Officer 2 Matthew Santos, officer in charge, who briefed the representatives on the different missions and training conducted by the Sailors there.

The tour came to an end when the representatives went to the Kaneohe Bay Range Training Facility and were given a brief by range officers on the range and the many different weapons employed there.

After the tour, the representatives asked follow-up questions while they had lunch with the Civilian-Military Council at the Officer’s Club. The members of the CMC introduced themselves to the representatives and each gave a brief description of what their job is and how they positively interact with MCB Hawaii.

WAR, From A-1

tacks on New York City, the Pentagon, and the airliner crash in Pennsylvania, Myers remarked, the U.S. and other nations quickly formed an alliance “to fight terrorists and those that would harbor terrorists and provide them safe haven.”

NDU graduates, he pointed out, “have had the opportunity to study and to debate the world’s response to this war on terrorism.”

Because of the global scope of the war on terrorism, the general suggested that NDU graduates should recognize the importance of the international students among them.

“The ties that you have

formed over this year are going to hold for years to come as we wrestle with new and unforeseen challenges to peace and prosperity,” Gen. Myers explained.

More than 60 countries “have contributed in meaningful ways” in partnership with the United States in prosecuting the war on terrorism, he noted.

“And it must continue to be an international team effort if we’re going to be successful,” Gen. Myers said.

The JCS chairman also had a message to NDU’s international student graduates, whom he noted have acquired “an expanded understanding of national security, including the complex interactions required to im-

plement that strategy.”

“The lessons you’ve learned here apply to your countries, as well,” he noted.

The war against global terrorism continues, Myers pointed out, noting, “there are still terrorists out there who want to do us harm.”

Terrorists, the general emphasized, “will use violence against the innocent.” In recent weeks, he pointed out, more than 50 people, including Muslims, Christians and Jews were killed in terror attacks against civilians in Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Israel.

“We shouldn’t let our successes lull us into a sense of complacency the war on terrorism is far from over,” said Gen. Meyers.